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- Driver's license or state-issued ID card
- Passport
- Employee ID card
- Credit or debit card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Health club ID
- Insurance plan ID card

Other documents that are acceptable include:

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Government paycheck
- Document issued by a government agency
- Sample ballot issued by a government agency
- Voter notification card issued by a government agency
- Public housing ID card issued by a government agency
- Lease or rental agreement issued by a government agency
- Student ID issued by a government agency
- Tuition statement or bill issued by a government agency
- Insurance plan or card issued by a government agency
- Discharge certificate, pardon, or other official document issued to the voter in connection with the resolution of a criminal case, indictment, sentence, or other matter
- Public transportation authority senior citizen discount card issued by a government agency
- Identification document issued by a government disability agency
- Identification document issued by a government homeless shelter and other temporary or transitional facility
- Drug prescription issued by a government doctor or other government health care provider
- Property tax statement issued by a government agency
- Vehicle registration or certificate of ownership issued by a government agency

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